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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE MEETING WITH SEC GEN FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS

1. ON JULY 31, 1978, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE HAD A ONE-  
HOUR MEETING WITH MALIAN SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS SEYDOU TRAORE, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY OUSMANE  
DIALLO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
AND ALIOU KEITA OF THE POLITICAL DIVISION. MOOSE WAS AC-  
COMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR BYRNE AND AF/W DIRECTOR SMITH.

2. TRAORE BEGAN BY WELCOMING MOOSE AND SAYING THAT AL-  
THOUGH MISS LILLIAN HAD ARRIVED AT THE LUSHEST TIME OF  
YEAR, THIS GREENNESS IS AS EVANESCENT AS A DESERT MIRAGE.

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HOWEVER, HE SAID, WE HAVE HAD REASONABLY GOOD RAINS AND  
HOPE FOR A NORMAL HARVEST.

3. MOOSE REPLIED BY EMPHASIZING OUR APPRECIATION FOR  
ALL THAT THE MALIAN GOVERNMENT HAD DONE TO ARRANGE MISS  
LILLIAN'S VISIT. HE SAID MISS LILLIAN HAD COME TO SEE  
THE PROBLEMS OF THE SAHEL AT FIRSTHAND AND TO GAIN IMPRES-

SIONS OF THE SITUATION. HE NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF MISS LILLIAN'S FOLLOW-ON APPEARANCES IN THE UNITED STATES, ON TELEVISION AND ELSEWHERE, TO CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THE SAHEL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. CONGRESS, IN PARTICULAR, IS INCREASINGLY SKEPTICAL ABOUT ALL FOREIGN AID.

4. TRAORE REPLIED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OF U.S. ASSISTANCE AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO INCREASE ITS VOLUME. HE NOTED THE DIFFICULTIES OF EXPLAINING THE PROBLEMS OF A DEVELOPING COUNTRY TO ANYONE FROM A DEVELOPED ECONOMY. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE SAHEL IS POOR AND THINLY POPULATED, ITS DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL IS ENORMOUS. TO REALIZE THIS POTENTIAL, HOWEVER, EQUALLY GREAT RESOURCES FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WOULD BE REQUIRED. HE THOUGHT THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES WAS TWOFOLD: TO CONTINUE A HIGH LEVEL OF BILATERAL AID, AND TO BRING U.S. INFLUENCE TO BEAR ON POTENTIAL DONORS. MOOSE REPLIED THAT WE SEE THE PROBLEMS OF SAHEL DEVELOPMENT IN THE LARGEST POSSIBLE CONTEXT. EXCELLENT PLANNING BETWEEN DONORS AND DONOR RECIPIENTS WAS A POSITIVE FACTOR AND HAD STRENGTHENED CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE: TRAORE SAIS THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS NECESSARY TO KEEP HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS TO THE FORE IN THE CONGRESS, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SEPARATE THE NEED OF INFRASTRUCTURE FROM THE DESIRE TO MEET HUMANITARIAN

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GOALS. HE CITED, AS AN EXAMPLE, THE LIVESTOCK PROGRAM AND NOTED THE NECESSITY OF INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE IN ORDER TO ENABLE MALI TO EXPORT THE PRODUCTS OF THE PROGRAM. MOOSE REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT THE CONGRESS WAS BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THIS IMPORTANT POINT. HE BRIEFLY DESCRIBED THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS GAMBIA N PRESIDENT JAWARA HAD ON THE HILL, ESPECIALLY WITH SENATOR INOUE, DURING HIS VISIT IN LATE MAY.

6. MALIAN MILITARY EXPENDITURES: MOOSE SAID THAT SPEAKING IN ALL FRANKNESS HE WISHED TO NOTE THE INTEREST OF THE CONGRESS IN THE SIZE OF MILITARY BUDGETS IN RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. HE ASKED TRAORE FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE MALIAN CASE. TRAORE REPLIED THAT MALI PURCHASED EQUIPMENT FROM THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BECAUSE NO STATE HAD CONFIDENCE IN ITS NEIGHBORS AND BECAUSE NO COUNTRY COULD RELINQUISH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS OWN DEFENSE AND PUT ITSELF UNDER THE PROTECTION OF ANOTHER. WHEN MALI TOOK NOTE OF THE HUGE SUMS SPENT BY MANY COUNTRIES -- BUT PARTICULARLY BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT -- WHEN MALI RECOGNIZED THAT THESE RESOURCES MIGHT BE BETTER SPENT IN FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, MALI FELT IT HAD NO

ALTERNATIVE BUT TO PREPARE TO DEFEND ITSELF. MOOSE THEN  
DREW ATTENTION TO THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN U.S. AND  
SOVIET ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN  
AFRICA AND TO THE FACT THAT SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT  
SUPPLIED TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES FAR OUTWEIGHTS THE VALUE  
OF ITS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. HE SUGGESTED THAT, FOR REASONS  
TRAORE HAD STATED, THE OAU SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE  
TO REGULATE AND REDUCE ARMS TRANSFERS TO AFRICA. HE  
PROMISED U.S. SUPPORT FOR THIS EFFORT. MOOSE ADDED  
THAT THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE DISCUSSING  
MUTUAL RESTRAINT IN CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS. RESULTS  
WERE NOT EXPECTED IMMEDIATELY BUT THE EFFORT WAS BEING MADE.  
TRAORE SAID HE FULLY ACCEPTED MOOSE'S POINTS, BUT THAT THE  
PROBLEM WAS NOT SO SIMPLE. FOR INSTANCE, IF SOME DEVELOPED  
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COUNTRIES DECIDED NOT TO SEND ARMS TO AFRICA, A "BLACK" MARKET  
WOULD QUICKLY ARISE AND THE EFFECT OF SUCH A LAUDABLE DECISION  
ON SOME COUNTRIES' PART WOULD BE NULLIFIED.

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7. WESTERN SAHARA: TURNING TO THE WESTERN SAHARA, TRAORE SAID THAT MALI WAS OPPOSED TO THE USE OF FORCE, SOUGHT A SUB-REGIONAL SOLUTION, AND THOUGHT THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, NOT WAR, SHOULD BE EVERY GOVERNMENT'S FIRST PRIORITY. MALI HAD BEEN OPPOSED FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE DISMEMBERMENT OF THE SAHARA. MALI FAVORED SELF-DETERMINATION. MALI RECOGNIZED THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, AND FOR THIS REASON AT KHARTOUM HAD INSISTED ON THE NECESSITY OF CONSIDERABLE PREPARATION FOR A SUMMIT ON THE SAHARA, BEGINNING WITH AN AGREED STATEMENT OF THE FACTS AND AN EXPLORATION OF POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS BY THE FIVE-MAN AD HOC COMMITTEE. TRAORE SAID HE THOUGHT THIS APPROACH COULD CONCEIVABLY RESULT IN A DOCUMENT FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE CHIEFS OF STATE THAT WOULD LEAD TO A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.  
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8. CHAD: TRAORE SAID THE MALIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDS THE CHADIAN SITUATION AS AN INTERNAL PROBLEM IN THE TRUE SENSE. CHAD WAS DIVIDED BY HITHERTO APPARENTLY IRRECONCILABLE FACTIONS. HE THOUGHT THAT NO SOLUTION DEVISED FROM THE OUTSIDE THAT DID NOT TAKE ACCOUNT OF INTERNAL CHADIAN REALITIES COULD SUCCEED. TRAORE SAID HE THOUGHT CHAD COULD GET SUPPORT IN AFRICA FOR OPPOSITION TO LIBYAN INTERVENTION BUT BY ITSELF THAT WOULD NOT SOLVE THE INTERNAL PROBLEM. MALI ALSO RECOGNIZED CHAD'S RIGHT TO REQUEST FRENCH INTERVENTION, THOUGH IT DEPLORED THE ACTION.

9. THE MEETING CONCLUDED EARLIER THAN DESIRED BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURE OF OTHER EVENTS ON THE SCHEDULE. TRAORE SAID HASTILY, HOWEVER, THAT HE WISHED TO ADVISE THE UNITED STATES AGAINST PROVIDING ANY PRETEXT WHICH COULD LED TO INTERVENTION BY OTHER STATES IN AFRICA. HE THEN EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S PLEASURE AT THE SUCCESSFUL SOLUTION FOUND BY THE FIVE-POWER GROUP IN NAMIBIA. MOOSE AGREED AND SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED BY THE WAY IN WHICH THE FIVE-POWER GROUP HAD MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH AND SECURED THE SUPPORT OF THE FRONT LINE STATES. MOOSE EXPRESSED GUARDED OPTIMISM REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A SOLUTION TO RHODESIA'S PROBLEMS AND EMPHASIZED THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO PRESS HARD, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BRITISH, FOR A PEACEFUL OUTCOME. TRAORE COMMENTED, JOKINGLY, THAT "IF YOU DO NOT SUCCEED, YOU MAY BE OBLIGED TO GO ALONG WITH OUR SOLUTIONS -- THAT IS, TO INVOKE CHAPTER SEVEN MEASURES."  
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